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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. PERSONNEL MATTERS - AS CARL MENTIONED TO YOU DURING A TELEPHONE CONVERSATION EARLIER THIS WEEK, PERSONNEL'S CHOICE FOR PRINCIPAL OFFICER IN KRAKOW VICE PAZDRAL IN SUMMER 1979 IS CARL A. BASTIANI, AN O-3 POLITICAL CONE OFFICER, NOW WORKING IN OES. BASTIANI HAS CONSULAR EXPERIENCE FROM WORK AT NAPLES AND BUCHAREST, ECON/COMMERCIAL EXPERIENCE AT BUCHAREST, AND POLITICAL EXPERIENCE FROM WORK AT GENOA AND ROME. HE ALSO HAS SOLID EE AREA AND DEPARTMENT EXPERIENCE (IF SOMEWHAT DATED) BY VIRTUE OF TOURS IN EUR/EE (1965), BUCHAREST (1965-68), EUR/SES (1968), AND INR ANALYST FOR ROMANIA (1969-71). CARL HAS INTERVIEWED BASTIANI AND THINKS HE IS WELL-SUITED FOR THE KRAKOW JOB. BASTIANI IS ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT THE PROSPECT; HIS WELL-ROUNDED BACKGROUND, AND FAMILIARITY WITH ITALIAN PCI AND SOCIALIST PARTIES, SHOULD
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BE REAL ASSETS. HE DOES NOT SEEM LIKE THE SORT WHO WOULD NEED TO BE PUSHED TO GET OUT AND MAKE CONTACTS. HE HAS FIVE DAUGHTERS BUT -- HOLD IT -- THREE OF THEM WOULD BE AWAY AT SCHOOL IN WESTERN EUROPE AND IN THE US. HE FEELS THEY CAN MANAGE RE SCHOOLING FOR OTHER TWO; YOUNGEST IS ONLY ABOUT TWO YEARS OF AGE. INCIDENTALLY, RE MARY ROSE BRANT, SHE WAS CONSIDERED BY PERSONNEL FOR KRAKOW AND THEN OFFERED WARSAW

VICE WOLF BUT SHE WAS NOT INTERESTED. THUS, SHE IS NOW OUT OF THE PICTURE ENTIRELY.

2. PERSONNEL IS ACTIVELY LOOKING FOR A REPLACEMENT FOR VICTOR WOLF, HAVING RECEIVED CONFIRMATION THAT HE DOES NOT WISH TO EXTEND. WE'LL KEEP YOU POSTED.

3. FOR YOUR INFORMATION, USICA IS CONSIDERING REPLACING NEIL WALSH WITH SANDRA BORYCKI WHO ALREADY HAS POLISH LANGUAGE FACILITY AND WHO HAS BEEN SERVING AS THE NUMBER TWO PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER (IN A TWO-PERSON SECTION) IN BUDAPEST FOR THE LAST YEAR.

4. RE ROY WALD'S REPLACEMENT, WE HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO GET ANY NAMES FROM OES, WHICH SEEMS SOMEWHAT AT LOOSE ENDS AT PRESENT. WE DID GET OZZIE GANLEY'S AGREEMENT TO PUT IN A STRONG WORD FOR A STRONG REPLACEMENT BUT OZZIE LEAVES OES THIS WEEK FOR A YEAR'S ASSIGNMENT AT MIT SO WILL NOT BE ABLE TO FOLLOW UP. HE THINKS ALL NEW SCIATT ASSIGNMENTS MAY BE HELD UP PENDING AMBASSADOR PICKERING'S ARRIVAL TO SUCCEED PATSY MINK. PERHAPS A MESSAGE FROM THE AMBASSADOR TO THE ACTING ASSISTANT SECRETARY MIGHT GALVANIZE ACTION. WE'LL CHECK FURTHER AND LET YOU KNOW.

5. AS YOU KNOW, I AM LEAVING EUR/EE THIS SUMMER. ALTHOUGH
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IT IS NOT YET CLEAR WHAT I MAY BE DOING NEXT, I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS MY STRONG INTEREST IN THE DCM JOB IN WARSAW AFTER YOU LEAVE (SUMMER 1979). WOULD YOU PLEASE TELL BILL? I MAY DO A YEAR AS DIPLOMAT IN RESIDENCE IN THE INTERIM BUT THAT IS NOT AT ALL SURE AS YET. VANCE

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